



Digital Storytelling using Photostory 3



Helpful Hints:

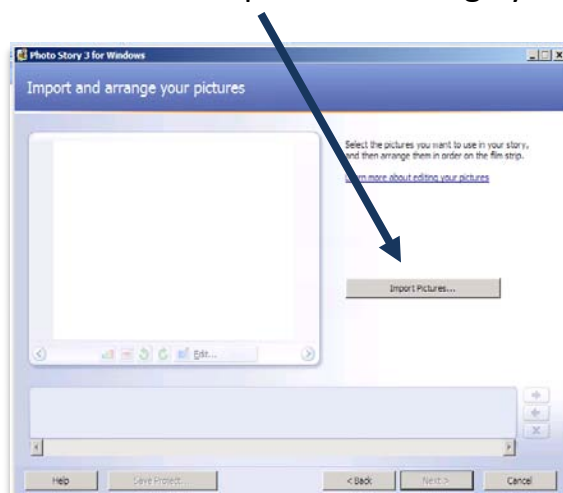
- First gather your photos that you would like to use in your project and have them saved in the same folder. This will make it easier for you to import your pictures into the software program. If you wish to have a title slide (image) and/or ending slide (image) create these in Power Point and save them as *.jpg files. It will turn your power point slide into an image file you can use in Photostory.
- Gather any specific music that you would like to use on your project. Keep in mind copyright laws – if it is for your classroom and not being burned to DVDs or uploaded to the internet you can use music that you own. If you are going to be burning this to DVD or CDs for students, you should look for free music under a creative commons license.
- Write your story first and then find or create your pictures to add to the story. Encourage students to follow one of the given diagrams to create their stories to inspire interest and enthusiasm in their writing.

Steps to Follow to Create the Story using Photostory:

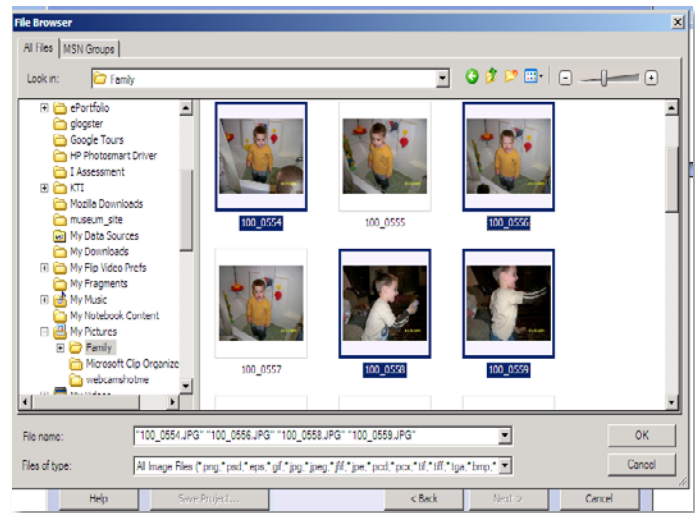
1. First open Photostory and choose “Begin a New Story.”



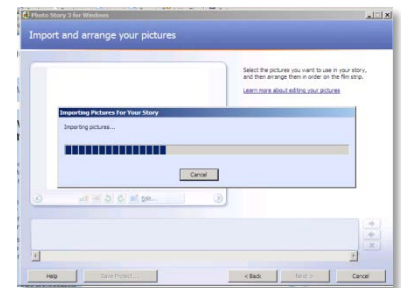
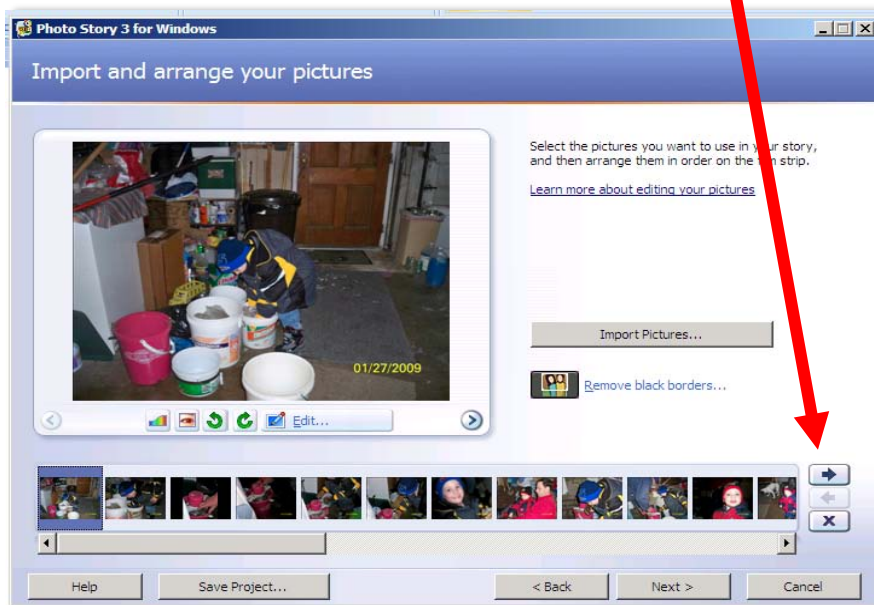
2. Next you will need to import and arrange your pictures.



3. This will take you to your my documents folder where you will have to navigate to the folder where you saved your pictures. You can select all of them at once (Shift + End) or select pictures in a random order – hold your control key while clicking on pictures. *Note: 300 pictures is the maximum allowed for a single photostory project.* Press ok, once you are done selecting your photos.



4. It will insert all your pictures into the bar at the bottom of your screen. Next it is time to order your pictures as needed for your story. Use the left and right arrows to move pictures into the order that you want them for your story.



5. Use the edit features found under each picture, to change any red eye, coloring, or change position such as horizontal or vertical. You can also crop some photos to remove black areas around the edges. This works great for a horizontal picture, but not so well for a vertical. You can remove those during the motion section, by having the program pan vertically over the picture (up to down, or down to up). Press next when finished editing and ordering pictures.

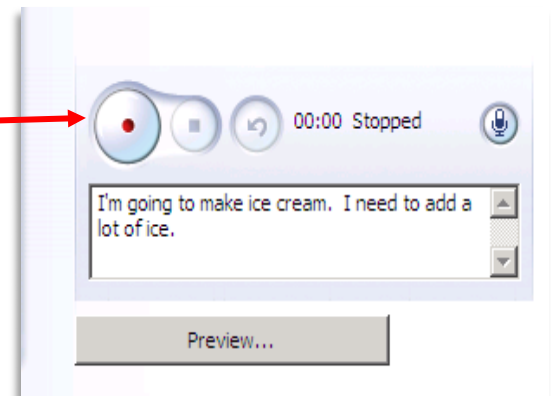


6. Now it is time to add any text to any of the pictures. You will add the text separately to each picture – if you wish to; don't have to. This is not where you tell your story. Your story will be narrated using a microphone. Use the font and alignment features to place your text on the chosen pictures.



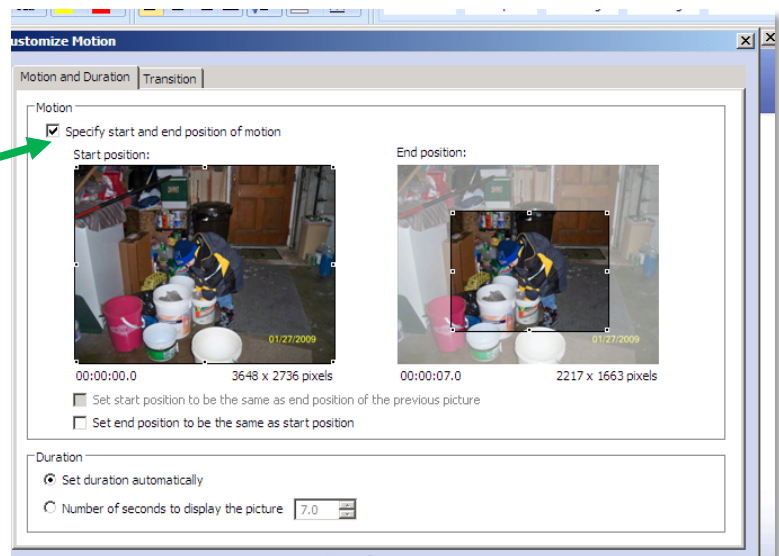
7. You can also add effects to each picture such as black & white, sepia tone, negative look, etc. The effects button is found under the picture. Press next when you are done adding titles (or text to the pictures) and any wanted effects.

8. Now it is time to add the narration to each picture, where it fits in your story. You will click on each picture and use the record feature to narrate that part of the story. There is an “undo” if you need to redo that part. Also feel free to type the text into the given box, so you can read from the box when you record. Not all pictures need narration.

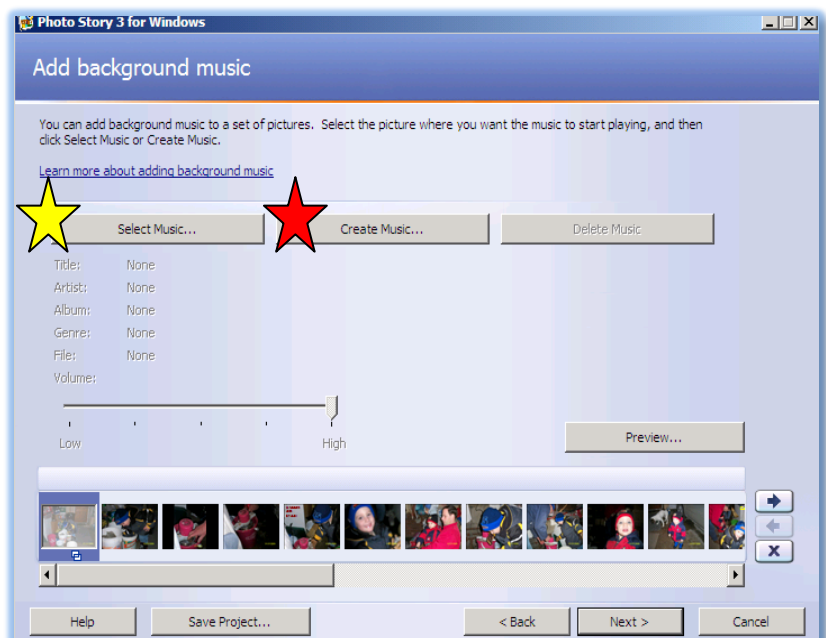


9. Then use the motion button (found under the picture) to provide movement to that picture. Click in the “specify start and end motion” to change where the view starts and ends on that picture before moving to the next picture in the story.

- a. You can also decide how long the picture is shown by changing the duration: set it automatically or specify a set amount of time. The automatic will go along with the length of recorded narration.
- b. You may add transitions if you like, but they aren’t necessary.
- c. You will need to save each change you make the motion. Click ok when finished changing the motion and then click “Next” to move to the music portion.

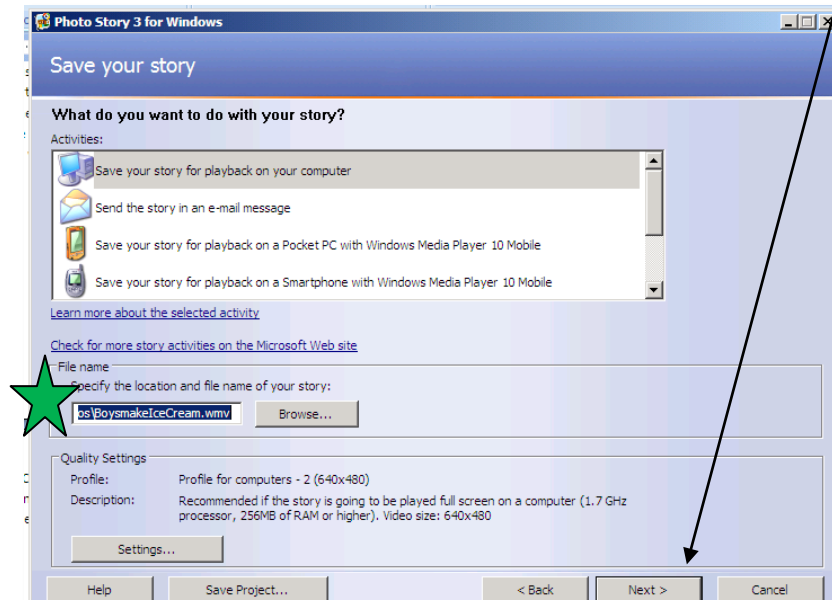


10. Now you will add “Background Music” to your story. You can choose “Select Music” ★ which will allow you to choose a music file from your computer. It will start the song on the picture that you had highlighted. If you want to have different songs, then simply place your cursor on another picture and choose the next song to start. Remember to change the volume level so it is lower than your recorded voice.



11. The other option is to choose “Create Music” ★ which allows you to pick and choose from their music choices to create your own musical piece. Click on Next when you are finished with music.

12. Now for the **FINAL** step. Choose save to my computer, notice where it is going to save the video and what the video name will be ★; and click **Next** one last time. This turns your photostory into a video file for playing in media player or even uploading to the internet.



NOTE: Saving the Project – DOES NOT make the movie. It just saves the photostory project so you can come back and edit this file. It will be called *****.wp3. Means: WindowsPhotostory3 not a movie file such as *****.wmv; which means WindowsMediaVideo

